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Anastasia Club

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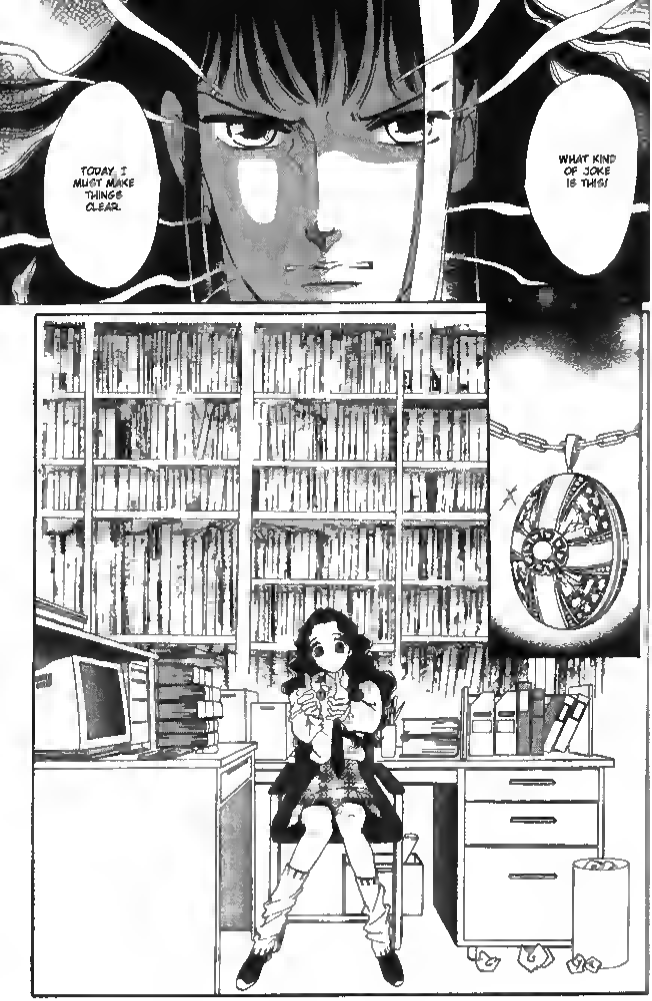
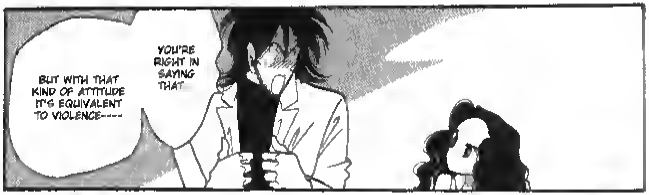
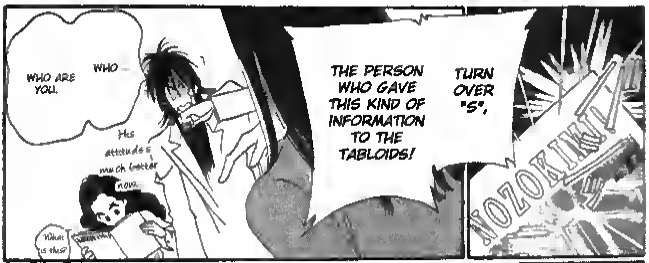
ANASTASIA CLUB...
THIS IS IT?


TODAY I MUST MAKE THINGS CLEAR.
WHAT KIND OF JOKE IS THIS!

I'LL WAIT FOR YOUR VERIFICATION.
I BELIEVE,
IN YOUR EYES, YOUR MIND AND YOUR HEART.
KAMUI,
IS IT OKAY THAT I LEAVE THIS WITH YOU?
AN IMPORTANT TREASURE OF MINE ----
AN EASTER EGG FROM THE ROMANOV DYNASTY
BUT, YOU CAN'T CHARGE ME FOR IT!
I BELIEVE THAT YOU'LL DEFINITELY BE ABLE TO VERIFY WHETHER IT'S THE REAL ONE OR NOT.
HEY... HEY...
SIGH
Russian date is so difficult to digest.
AND HE PUSHED THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL THE RESEARCH OF THE EASTER EGG ONTO ME.
HE DIDN'T EVEN BOTHER TO COME TO THE CLUB

DON'T RESORT TO VIOLENCE
DAINICHI KOU?
SHE SHE'S MY ASSISTANT
KAMUI YOU DON'T NEED TO COME OVER
IT'S OKAY URPH!
NONE OF MY FINGERS ARE EVEN TOUCHING YOU
WHO'S RESORTING TO VIOLENCE?


BUT WITH THAT KIND OF ATTITUDE IT'S EQUIVALENT TO VIOLENCE----
YOU'RE RIGHT IN SAYING THAT.


WHO ARE YOU.
WHO--
His attitude's much better now.
What is this?
THE PERSON WHO GAVE THIS KIND OF INFORMATION TO THE TABLOIDS!
TURN OVER "S",
NOZOKI!

SHOCKING!!
SPECIAL NEWS!!
BEEN TO JAPAN
Romanov Dynasty Princess Anastasia who's fate remains a mystery
In question. "S"-kun
GREAT GRANDSON?!
Yoka University Anastasia Club's willing to prove his identity for him?

WHAT IS THIS---
WHAT THE HELL!
HOW CAN THIS BAKA IMPERSONATE SOMEONE ELSE!!
THESE IS ALL CRAP...
THERE'S EVEN A PHOTO THAT LOOKS LIKE THAT IDIOT
INDEED
HE REALLY IS A "BAKA"
FURTHERMORE, TO BE IN THESE TABLOID PAPERS, WHAT'S THERE TO BE HAPPY ABOUT?!
ALTHOUGH I DON'T UNDERSTAND, WHY IS THIS PERSON SO ANGRY

HEY!
DON'T MOLEST KAMUI!

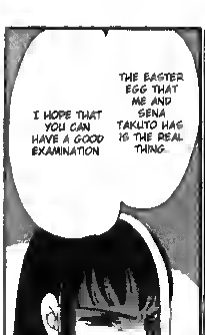
YOU.
WHY ARE YOU WEARING THIS?
FAKE ROMANOV
ROYAL FAMILY'S EASTER EGG

DUE TO THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION 5 OUT OF THE 10 EASTER EGGS WERE LOST
IF YOU GET HOLD OF ONE AND AUCTION IT, YOU CAN AT LEAST SELL IT FOR 5 BILLION DOLL—
THAT'S AN EVIDENCE OF THE TRAGIC ENDING OF THE ROMANOV ROYAL FAMILY, AS WELL AS A HISTORIC TREASURE..
WHY DID YOU SAY THAT THIS IS A FAKE...?
BECAUSE THE REAL ONE'S WITH ME
RUSSIA'S LAST EMPEROR NICHOLAS
WOULD GIVE HIS FAMILY MEMBERS AN EASTER EGG EVERY YEAR.
THE WORLD'S MOST SPLENDID EASTER EGG WITH GEMS—

IS BECAUSE,
I AM THE GRANDSON OF NICHOLAS II
.....
THEN WHY IS THE REAL ONE WITH YOU MISTER?
THE REASON WHY WE THE SUMI FAMILY POSSESS THE EASTER EGG
ALTHOUGH THIS GUY'S QUITE HANDSOME...

THE LAST EMPEROR OF RUSSIA NICHOLAS II,
HAD BEEN TO JAPAN IN 1891 WHEN HE'S STILL A PRINCE.
AT THAT TIME THE JAPANESE ATTEMPTED TO ASSASSINATE HIM. WHICH IS KNOWN AS THE INFAMOUS OOTSU EVENT
SEEMS LIKE A WEIRD FELLOW TOO----
ALL THIS TIME THE SUMI FAMILY HAS LIVED AT SAKI
ALTHOUGH THIS HAPPENED, NICHOLAS II STILL RETURNED TO HIS COUNTRY IN A PLEASANT MOOD
THAT'S BECAUSE HE FELL IN LOVE WITH A BEAUTIFUL SAKI PERFORMER.

THE CHILD WHO WAS BORN AT THAT TIME IS THE GRANDFATHER OF SUMI FAMILY
THE EASTER EGG IS THE EVIDENCE OF THEIR LOVE


I HOPE THAT YOU CAN HAVE A GOOD EXAMINATION
THE BAGTER EGG THAT ME AND SENA TAKUTO HAS IS THE REAL THING

THE BAGTER EGG WE HAVE IS A FAMILY TREASURE OF A STUDENT CALLED SENA TAKUTO
I'LL DEFINITELY FIND HIM AND GET HIM TO MEET YOU
I BELIEVE SENA WILL ALSO BE INTERESTED IN THIS.

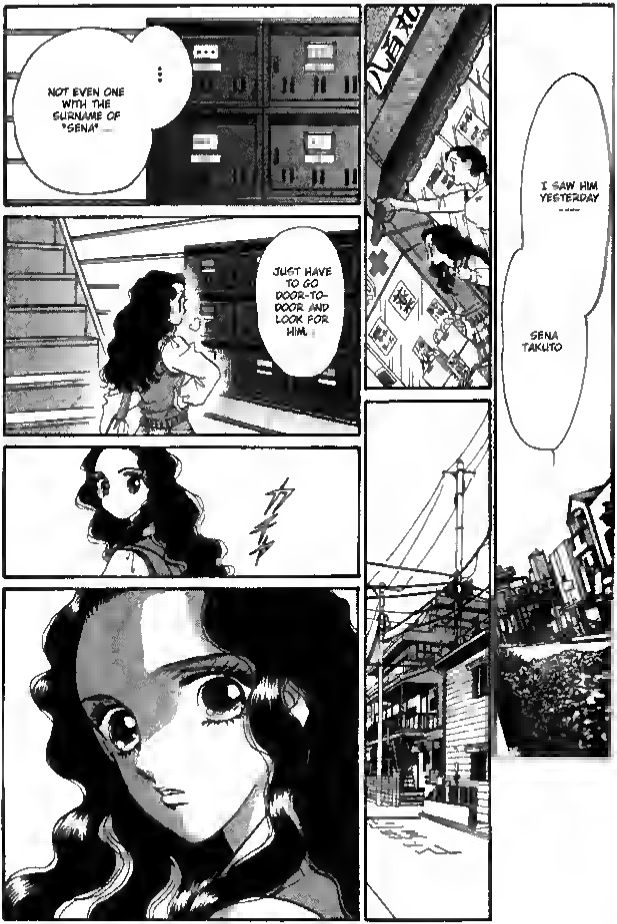
BUT ACCORDING TO THE HISTORY...
NICHOLAS HAD NEVER BEEN WITH A PERFORMER...
SO...
PLEASE LET US HAVE A LOOK AT THE "REAL THING"!

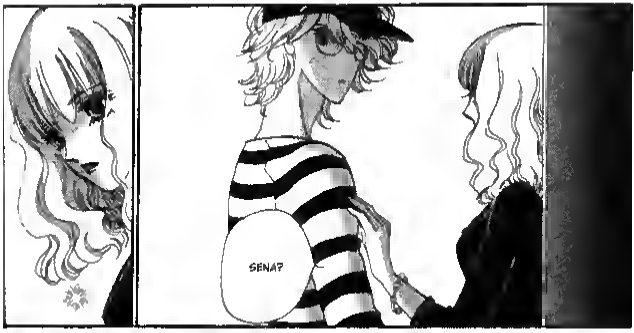
THOSE PEOPLE WERE KILLED ONE BY ONE
EVEN THE PERSON WHO CLAIMED TO BE ROMANOV'S ILLEGITIMATE CHILD
5TH PRINCESS IS NO EXCEPTION EITHER

BUT NO MATTER WHAT THE RESULTS SHOW YOU CAN'T REVEAL IT TO THE PUBLIC
THIS IS BECAUSE THIS ISSUE WILL AFFECT THE MENTAL PILLAR OF ROMANOV
IN ORDER TO GET HOLD OF THE WORLD'S WEALTHIEST ROMANOV FAMILY'S INHERITANCE AFTER THE REVOLUTION A LOT OF PEOPLE MADE USE OF ROMANOV'S REPUTATION TO CHEAT

SHE CLAIMED THAT THE ROYAL FAMILY WANTED A PRINCE SO MUCH,
THAT THEY SEND HER TO HOLLAND AS AN ADOPTED DAUGHTER.
BUT WHEN SHE GOT INVOLVED IN THE BIG SCANDAL SHE WAS FOUND DEAD WITHIN 7 WEEKS
SURVIVORS OF ROMANOV FAMILY ARE MAKING THEIR MOVES IN THE DARK
"EVEN IF YOUR LIPS WERE TO BE RIPPED APART YOU ARE NOT TO USE THE NAME OF ROMANOV."
THIS IS THE FAMILY RULES LAID DOWN BY SUMI FAMILY
I HOPE YOU'LL CONVEY THESE WORDS OF ADVICE TO THAT RENA TAKUTO
LAST TIME THAT IMPOSTER "PRINCESS M", AND THAT BONE THAT WAS STOLEN FROM THE AUCTION----
THE MEGA CONSPIRACY IN THE NAME OF ROMANOV TREASURE, IS INDEED ACTING IN THE DARK.

HOW CAN HE SELL SUCH IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT HIMSELF TO A TABLOIDS----
SENA TAKUTO?
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM FOR A WEEK.
He seldom comes to class
HE DIDN'T KNOW THAT BY DOING SO, HE'S EXPOSING HIMSELF TO GREAT DANGER
CELL PHONE? ADDRESS? I DON'T KNOW!
DOESN'T HE LIVE WITH HIS BUNCH OF GIRLFRIENDS?
That's right
HE PROBABLY OWED TOO MUCH MONEY
AND IS HIDING
THAT GUY ON THE MAGAZINE IT'S SENA TAKUTO RIGHT?
Even though he has the mask on
Hahaha!
WHAT SHOULD I DO? SENA TAKUTO


I SAW HIM YESTERDAY
SENA TAKUTO
NOT EVEN ONE WITH THE SURNAME OF "SENA"
JUST HAVE TO GO DOOR-TO-DOOR AND LOOK FOR HIM.


SENA?

DID YOU FALL DOWN?
I FINALLY FOUND HIM.
I,
WHY DID I RUN AWAY?
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KAMUI.
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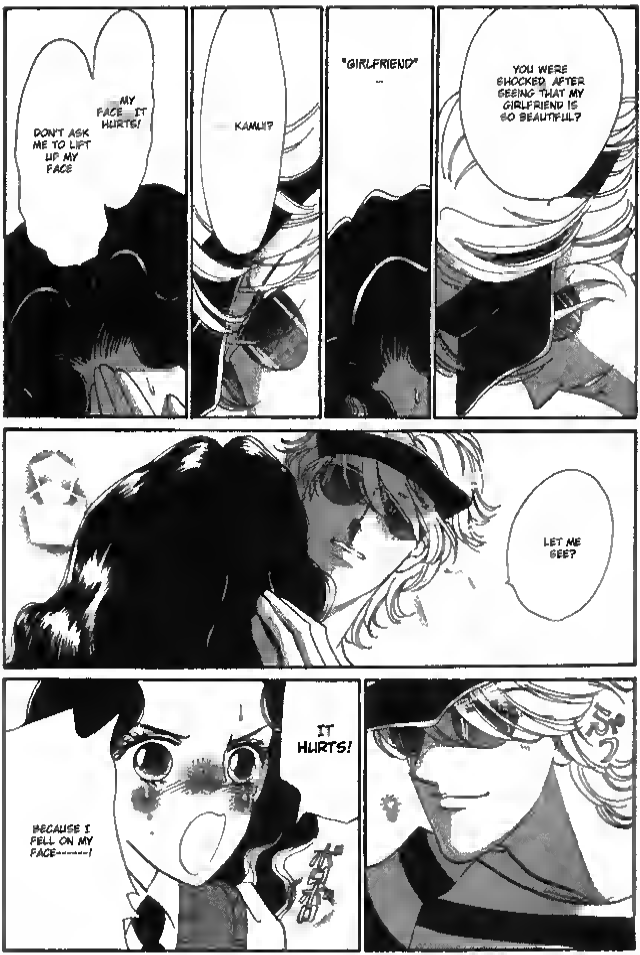
YOU WERE SHOCKED AFTER SEEING THAT MY GIRLFRIEND IS SO BEAUTIFUL?
"GIRLFRIEND"
...
KAMUI?
MY FACE...IT HURTS!
DON'T ASK ME TO LIFT UP MY FACE
LET ME SEE?
IT HURTS!
BECAUSE I FELL ON MY FACE-------!

YOUR WORST ENEMY HAS APPEARED!
YOU KNOW WHAT?
GREAT GRANDSON OF THE EMPEROR!
WORST ENEMY?
STOP IT! LET ME DOWN! I CAN WALK BY MYSELF!
HEHEHE
カラオケ
Siberi
ロシア料理
シベリアン
フォレスト
Siberian Forest
ホント
ホント

MY SURNAME'S SUMI.
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THANKS TO THE SHOP OWNER,
MUR-MUR
BLUE
MY NAME IS SENA TAKUTO.
FOR LENDING US THIS VIP ROOM,
LET'S BEGIN THE EXAMINATION RIGHT HERE!

WHY DID YOU SELL YOURSELF TO SUCH A CHEAP TABLOID MAGAZINE?
BEFORE THE EXAMINATION BEGINS, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU SOMETHING
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY SENSE OF SELF RESPECT?
I HATE REFUTABLE MAGAZINES
TABLOID MAGAZINES WILL DO ANYTHING AND AT ANY COSTS TO GET THEIR STORIES
THEY ALWAYS THINK OF GETTING NEWS FOR FREE
THAT'S ALL?
BUT THEY FOUND ME.
I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY GOT THEIR SOURCE FROM,
EVEN TREATED ME TO SUSHI SUCH A NICE PERSON.
CAN THE TWO OF YOU PLEASE TAKE A SEAT?

I WOULD LIKE BOTH OF YOU TO UNDERSTAND
THAT THE ROMANOV ROYAL FAMILY'S EASTER EGGS
WERE CREATED BY A FRENCH MAN FABERGE
FABERGE HAD ALWAYS BEEN KNOWN AS A GREAT, INCOMPARABLE GENIUS JEWELER.
ALL HIS JEWELED PIECES ARE GREATLY SOUGHT-AFTER AS THEY ARE TREASURE ITEMS TO ALL COLLECTORS
I HEARD THAT QUEEN ELIZABETH WAS THE BIGGEST COLLECTOR.
IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE JEWEL WAS MADE BY FABERGE,
I BORROWED THE TREASURED ITEM
OF THE SHOP OWNER OF "SIBERIAN FAREST"
THE SHOP OWNER IS A GOOD FRIEND OF MY GRANDFATHER.
THIS IS WHAT I'VE BORROWED FROM THE SHOP OWNER.
A PIECE OF A FABERGE HANDMADE BROOCH THAT WAS MADE FOR A HAT
IT'S A MARVELOUS PIECE OF WORK

HEY----
YOUR ASSISTANT IS JUST A JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL KID?
THOUGH SHE LOOKS LIKE A KID
ACTUALLY SHE IS A FIRST YEAR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT.
KAMUI'S THE GRANDDAUGHTER OF THE WELL-KNOWN "UNDERGROUND ANTIQUARY".
Oh
MR. MR. SUMI!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
IT'S BECAUSE HE'S FEELING RESTLESS.
I AM GOING TO START MY EXAMINATION!
BUT HOW CAN I LEAVE THIS TO A KID TO EXAMINE...
NO WAY!
THE EASTER EGG OF THE SUMI FAMILY IS DEFINITELY THE REAL THING!

MR. SUMI AND SENA,
PLEASE HAND OVER YOUR EASTER EGGS.

THIS IS THE FAMILY TREASURE OF SUMI FAMILY
THIS IS SENA'S EASTER EGG
OH MY...
THEY LOOK EXACTLY THE SAME.

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CONCLUSION IS.
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
HMMM...
BOTH ARE NOT REAL.
WHICH ONE IS THE REAL THING?
OR BOTH ARE FAKE?
PERHAPS BOTH ARE REAL...

ALL THE EASTER EGGS MADE BY FABERG FOR THE ROYAL FAMILY SHOULD HAVE THIS COMPARTMENT
THE PROBLEM LIES THERE
FOR EXAMPLE, A PEACOCK MAY WALK OUT OF THE EASTER
OR A GIFT THAT WILL SURPRISE THE RECEIVER WILL BE HIDDEN IN THE EGG
ALL EASTER EGGS CREATED BY FABERG HAVE SOMETHING SPECIAL
THEY HAVE A SPECIAL COMPARTMENT THAT CONTAINS THEIR "SURPRISES"
AND THE EGGS WERE DEFINITELY NOT JUST SHAPED LIKE AN ORDINARY EGG

IN OTHER WORDS
BOTH EASTER EGGS CANNOT BE THE EASTER EGGS OF ROMANOV ROYAL FAMILY
ALTHOUGH THE EASTER EGG OF SENA TAKUTO CAN BE USED TO CONTAIN A NECK-LACE
THIS IS NOT ENOUGH FOR ONE TO BE SURPRISED
MOREOVER, THE PENDANT SEEMS TO LINK TO SOMETHING ELSE----
YOU MEAN THIS IS BOGUS?
BUT
THIS TWO EASTER EGGS ARE FROM THE SAME PERIOD AND ARE MADE BY FABERGE
THEN THEY ARE THE REAL THING
ON THE OTHER HAND, MR. SUNI'S EASTER EGG IS EMPTY!
TOTAL LACK OF THE "SURPRISE" COM-PARTMENT

...SO THEY ARE BOGUS...
IN THE FABERGE WORKROOM,
FABERGE HAD 250 WORKMEN WITH HIM.
HE ACCEPTED A LOT OF ORDERS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, AT THE SAME TIME.
HENCE EVEN IF IT'S MADE BY HIS WORKROOM, THIS DOES NOT PROVE THAT IT IS AN EASTER EGG OF THE ROMANOV FAMILY.
THEN BOTH ARE THE REAL THING!
IF I CAN PROVE THAT SENA TAKUTO'S EASTER EGGS IS THE REAL THING!
ANOTHER PERSON TO DO THE EXAMINATION!
I THINK I BETTER FIND
I DON'T GET YOU.
ACCORDING TO MY EXAMINATION...
AND THERE IS A TOTAL LACK OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS AREA...
I HEARD THAT DURING THE REVOLUTION, 6 EASTER EGGS WERE LOST.

MATRYOSHKA.
A TRADITIONAL RUSSIAN TOY
MAY BE JUST LIKE THIS THING
EASTER EGGS...
HUH..?
A HUNDRED YEAR AGO IN RUSSIA...
ACCORDING TO THE TRADITION
ONCE SPRING BEGAN CITIZENS WOULD START PREPARING FOR APRIL 6 EASTER FESTIVAL.
BY DRAWING ON THE EGGS THEY COULD BE USED AS A GIFT FOR OTHERS.
AT THAT TIME THE ROYAL FAMILY WERE ALSO RUSSIAN
ESPECIALLY NICHOLAS II WHO WAS AN EMPEROR WHO PLACED UTMOST IMPORTANCE ON HIS FAMILY

NICHOLAS GAVE ABOUT 50 EASTER EGGS TO HIS MOTHER AND WIFE.
THIS SHOULD BE THE EASTER EGG THAT HE GAVE TO THE EMPRESS
LIKE A MATRYOSHKA.
EXACTLY.
LIKEWISE FOR THE EASTER EGG...
MR. SUMI'S EASTER EGG FITS NICELY INTO SENA'S EASTER EGG
IS PLACED IN ANOTHER HOLLOW DOLL AND THEN ANOTHER.
THE MATRYOSHKA DOLL

IF THE MATRYOSHKA IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ROYAL FAMILY
THEN THE OUTERMOST LAYER, THE LARGEST & GRANDEST EGG WOULD BE THE EMPRESS
THEN THE CHILDREN WOULD BE IN SEQUENTIAL ORDER.
ACCORDING TO THE SEQUENCE
THAT WOULD BE THE ELDEST DAUGHTER OLGA,
THEN THE 2ND DAUGHTER TATIANA,
AND THIS SHOULD BE MR. SUMI'S
THEN THE 3RD DAUGHTER MARIA,
THE 4TH DAUGHTER, ANASTASIA
BECAUSE SENA'S EASTER EGG HAS THE CARVING OF ANASTASIA'S NAME
THE LAST EGG
WOULD BE THE MOST DELICATE.
AS IT WOULD BE FOR HIS YOUNGEST SON,
WHO WAS ALWAYS SICK, JUST LIKE A GEM,
WELL-PROTECTED AND THE NEXT KING IN LINE ALEXIS.

THIS IS MY INFERENCE.

WAIT A MINUTE...
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU MEAN MY EASTER EGG IS THE BOGUS ONE?!

IF THIS IS NOT TRUE.
ONLY SUMI FAMILY'S EASTER EGG CANNOT BE PROVEN TO BE REAL.
THERE ISN'T EVEN A SIGNATURE...

THIS IS JUST A REPORT WITHOUT ANY SOLID EVIDENCE.

IN THAT CASE, THE VERIFICATION WILL LOSE ITS MEANING.
OR PERHAPS BOTH ARE NOT ROMANOV'S EASTER EGGS.

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...THAT WOMAN...
I REMEMBER NOW——
WE SAW HER ON THE SHIP LAST TIME...

CAR ACCIDENT..

FUNERAL CAR SMASHED INTO THE RUSSIAN RESTAURANT!

THE IMPOSTER OF THE ROMANOV M PRINCESS...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? KAMUI...

TO DO SUCH THING TO THE DEAD...

IS EVERYONE ALRIGHT? IS ANYONE HURT?
OH MY... WHAT A MESS.
WEIRD...
THE WEIRD ONE SHOULD BE YOU!
KAMUI I ALSO THINK THAT YOU'RE WEIRD...
THE RING THAT THIS PERSON IS WEARING IS THE REAL LATE 19TH CENTURY SAPPHIRE!
THIS IS NOT THE FAKE RING THAT SHE USED TO WEAR.
BUT WHY WOULD YOU LET A CORPSE WEAR A REAL GEMSTONE?

ACCORDING TO MY OBSERVATIONS,
ALTHOUGH IT'S NOT CLEAR WHY SHE WOULD APPEAR IN THIS MANNER,
OBVIOUSLY IT'S TO CHALLENGE ME----
IT'S ALSO A THREAT TO SENA FOR APPEARING ON THE MAGAZINES
"A THREAT" WHERE A CAR WITH A DEAD BODY WOULD RAM INTO A RESTAURANT? THIS IS AN ACT OF A GANGSTER..
SO TO SPEAK. EVEN IF MY MOUTH WERE TO BE TORN APART, WE MUST NOT RELATE OUR-SELVES TO THE ROMANOV..

KAMIL.
HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE 6TH PRINCESS WHO DIED 7 WEEKS AFTER APPEARING ON THE MEDIA?
IS NOT SCARED AT ALL...
WHICH IS WHY
THEY WILL REACT SO STRONGLY TO THOSE TABLOID MAGAZINES--
WOULD THIS HAVE PROVEN THAT
MY EASTER EGG IS AN ITEM OF THE ROMANOV FAMILY?
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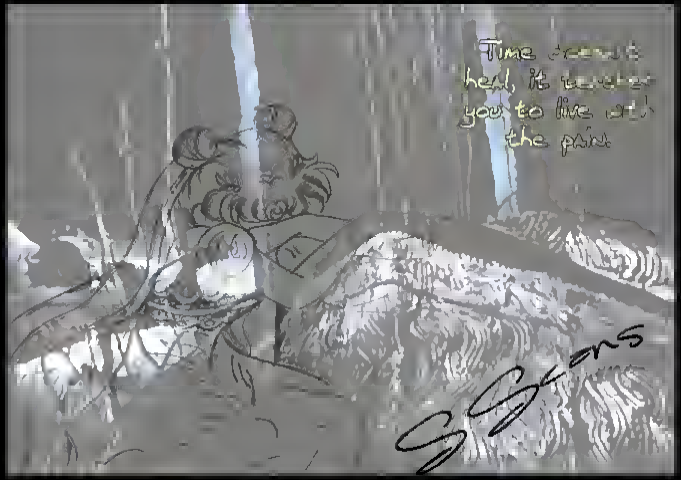
Time doesn't heal, it teaches you to live with the pain.
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